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Attached Memorandum from the
IAC Standing Committee on Exchanges

The attached memorandum from the IAC Standing Committee on Exchanges has been placed on the agenda of the IAC meeting scheduled for 8 May 1956.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

From : Chairman, IAC Standing Committee on Exchanges
with the USSR

Subject: Request for IAC Concurrence in Proposal that the
Department of the Army Act as Sponsoring Organization
for an Exchange with the USSR in the Field of "Mass
Feeding"

1. The IAC Standing Committee on Exchanges, at the request of the Department of State, has reviewed a pending proposal for an exchange of delegations with the USSR in the field of "mass feeding." The Standing Committee has concluded, and has so informed the State Department, that while there is no strong intelligence interest in "mass feeding" as such, an exchange in this field would have potential intelligence gains, which would be maximized if the itinerary in the USSR were to include military installations.

2. Inasmuch as such an itinerary in the USSR would entail a reciprocal itinerary in the US for a Soviet delegation, the Standing Committee has concluded that the Department of the Army, which has probably the most extensive experience in the US in this field, would be the best possible over-all sponsoring organization, handling arrangements within the US so as to minimize Soviet gain and also playing a leading part in arranging the itinerary in the USSR and in the selection of a useful US delegation. ACSI, at the staff level, and the Quartermaster Corps have indicated their willingness to have the Army act in this capacity, but have stated that the necessary approval of the Chief of Staff of the Army, and of the Secretary of the Army, can be obtained more readily if the IAC itself endorses the proposal, as being the best arrangement from the standpoint of net intelligence advantage. (It is not intended that the IAC should express any view on factors, such as the propaganda appearance, not directly related to intelligence advantage as considered in IAC-D-103. Such other questions would necessarily be handled by Army itself or by the State Department once the Army's readiness to act in the proposed capacity was established.)

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3. Accordingly, it is requested that the IAC concur, solely from the standpoint of greatest possible net intelligence advantage, in the designation of the Department of the Army as sponsoring organization for an exchange in this field.

FOR THE IAC STANDING COMMITTEE ON EXCHANGES

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